



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #27

Providing Traffic Related Information and Services to Michigan Law Enforcement

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UD-10 Traffic Crash Report Information

The Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC) is requesting that law enforcement agencies forward all 2006 UD-10 Traffic Crash Report forms to CJIC as soon as possible, with a deadline of January 31, 2007. Crash reports received after the deadline will not be included in the 2006 crash statistics. Agencies with potential problems meeting the deadline should contact Sydney Smith at smithsydney@michigan.gov or (517) 322-1188.

CJIC would also like to remind agencies that **fatal crash reports need to be sent to the FARS Analysts as soon as possible. Please do not hold the UD-10s pending a warrant request or lab results.** A corrected copy can be submitted if information obtained at a later date changes the original data. Contact [Lori Salters](#) at (517) 322-6910 or [Lorie Sierra](#) at (517) 322-5030 for information. CJIC requests that agencies make this information available to their UD-10 contact person.

New Registration Plate

Beginning January 1, 2007, the familiar blue registration plate has begun to be [retired](#) from use in Michigan. The plate is being replaced by a white plate with a blue line and lettering, similar in design to the permanent trailer plate. Because there will be some overlap in the timeframes where these plates will be used, and some issues with registration certificates and LEIN responses matching the plate on a vehicle, the Secretary of State (SOS) is developing guidelines for police officers to be aware of when dealing with new registration plates. These guidelines will be made available as soon as they are finalized and approved for release. In the meantime, some information is available through the SOS Frequently Asked Questions [webpage](#) under the heading of "New Standard and Spectacular Peninsula Plates."

VIN Inspections

Some confusion exists regarding the difference between VIN inspections, equipment inspections, and salvage vehicle inspections. Completion of Part 1 (VIN inspection) of a [TR-54](#) Vehicle Number and On-Road Equipment Inspection form is required by SOS for certain titling purposes. [MCL 257.213](#) and SOS policy authorize designated SOS employees to perform these inspections. Branch offices should not refer people to law enforcement for a VIN inspection except for unusual situations, including certain foreign vehicles imported directly by their owners. Michigan State Police (MSP) [Official Order 111\(1\)\(B\)](#) discourages VIN inspection by MSP members except in situations where the VIN cannot be located, or there is evidence of criminal activity.

If Part 2 (equipment inspection) of the TR-54 is required, a police officer must complete the form, as SOS has no legal authority to conduct such an inspection. Official Order 111(6) requires MSP members to conduct equipment inspections on assembled, reconstructed, and converted vehicles. Salvage vehicles are required to be inspected by an [authorized salvage vehicle inspector](#) prior to receiving a title.

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